Supply of Food articles to Fair Price-Shops

433. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to some repotrs which appeared in the last week of January, 92 that Delhi Administration has taken several steps to ensure timely supply of food articles to Fair Price Shops in Delhi ;

(b) if so, he details hereof ;

(c) whether Government are aware that 90 per cent Fair Price Shops in Delhi were not supplied food articles till 15th February, 92 ; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure timely supply of food articles in Fair Price Shops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKET SWAMY) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Delhi Administration has been monitoring the availability of food articles in PDS outlets to ensure timely supplies.

(c) and (d) Supply and availability of essential commodities in all the zones in Delhi is being monitored regularly, in consultation with the agencies involved. Steps are taken to reach the PDS commodtties to the fair price shops as and when reports about non-receipt of commodities by shops are received. Regular monitoring of the PDS is contiuously done at various levels of the Delhi Administration. Delhi Administration has reported that it is not correct to say that 90% of the Fair Price Shops in the Union Territory were not supplied food articles till 15-2-92.

Sale of Agmark Flour through Fair Price Shops

434. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to some repotts which appeared in the last week of January, 92 the Delhi Administration has made elaborate arrangements to sell Agmark flour through Fair Price Shops of Delhi from first week of February, 1992.

(b) whether it is a fact that prior to these reports Delhi Administration had given much publicity in the past for sale of Agmark flour through Fair Price Shops ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instruction have been issued to Fair Price Shops to deposit payment by 10th of February to ensure supply of Agmark flour to them ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that not a single food card holder in Delhi has been given Agmark flour through F.P.Ss. upto 16th of February, 1992 ; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ; and steps to ensure supply of food articles in time before issuing such releases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Delhi Administration has reported that Fair Price Shops have been divided in groups for depositing drafts.

The first group deposited the drafts on 31-1-1992 and the last group deposited the drafts on 20-2-1992.

(d) and (e) No Sir. Delhi Administration has reported that during the period 5-2-1992 to 10-2-1992